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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: 1/7/57

Mr. Rountree's Office

SUBJECT: Visit of King Saud

PARTICIPANTS: Sheikh Khayyal, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia
Mr. Faisal Hegelan, Second Secretary, Saudi Embassy
Mr. William M. Rountree, NEA
Mr. Victor Purse, U/PR
Mr. Robert Sherwood, NE

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Ambassador Khayyal called at Mr. Rountree's request. Mr. Rountree noted that the King had agreed today to visit Washington January 30, 31, and February 1, and that the White House was making the announcement this afternoon. Mr. Rountree reviewed the still tentative plan whereby the King would come to New York on the S.S. Constitution on January 29, and proceed to Washington the following day. He suggested that the Ambassador or someone designated by him participate in the weeks to come with Mr. Purse and NE on the many details to be worked out, on both the official and unofficial portions of the visit.

The Ambassador asked if Ambassador Wadsworth had yet forwarded some kind of program, and Mr. Rountree replied in the negative, noting we were waiting for some indication of the wishes of His Majesty. Certain aspects of the program were then discussed including the standard features such as the President's dinner on the 30th, the Secretary's dinner on the 31st, and the King's return dinner on the first of February.

There followed further discussion of other aspects of the Washington portion of the program, in the course of which the Ambassador indicated the King might wish to bring as many as forty or fifty persons in addition to the official party of ten members. Mr. Purse pointed out this number was considerably in excess of what has been the normal complement of the Head of State party, and expressed the hope this number could be greatly reduced.

DC/R (Mr. Purse, Mr. Hegelan, and Mr. Sherwood then left the meeting to discuss some of the details of the visit).

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